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HUMAN RESOURCES RECYCLED

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" is an enigmatic counsel. Did the writer have in mind the grain ships that went out of the southeastern ports of the Mediterranean to Rome? Did he perhaps refer to the custom in Egypt of sowing seeds upon the waters of irrigation which finally imbedded the soaked seeds in rich soil that fed the hungry millions?

The rephrasing of this counsel in the New English Bible as "Send your grain across the seas, and in time you will get a return" resolves the puzzle somewhat. At least it makes it more comprehensible. With support from Eccles. 11:2, the verse immediately following, which advises one should give to seven ventures or maybe even for eight, the conclusion is unavoidable that the text wants to teach something about the *value of broad benevolence*. I say broad because the writer states that the gift should not be restricted to a select few. The reason is obvious: if you were someday to become in need, you might be left out under a restricted approach. Now, who can possibly be fully assured that he will not fall from his high pedestal and be in need of the love, sympathy and generosity of others? We, who as a nation are watching the mighty fall as a result of Watergate, can cheerfully understand the precept.

On the other hand, those of us who are aware of the "grain across the seas" that the United States sends and the "hatred" with which the U.S. is looked upon by so many of the "grain and grease" receiving countries, lean back in meditation and wonder if there is any value at all in being benevolent. Those of us who are Armenian and consider the good work of benevolence done by the AMAA, AGBU and other organizations and reflect upon the ungrateful behavior of some who were given assistance, also lean back and reflect with unbelievable amazement.

Now it is to this point exactly that the author of Ecclesiastes is speaking. The farmer looks upon the inexorable laws of nature and plants his seeds with faith in a trustworthy God—a God who is neither fickle nor capricious. He knows that storms, pestilence and draughts may occur to destroy his efforts, but he believes more strongly that he can depend upon the laws of nature in which *like causes always produce like effects*. It is based upon this trust that the preacher advises, "Send your grain across the seas, and in time (not tomorrow, but in time) you will get a return."

Away then with Christian isolationism. Embrace, therefore, the concept of broad benevolence. Why? Because you will undoubtedly receive a return.

In the history of Armenian Evangelicalism we have

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evidence of such a return.

Back in 1810, four young men in prayer hid themselves in a haystack to avoid the wet rain. By the time the storm had subsided, they had hatched a plan which led to the creation of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Who were these young men? They were the great-grandsons of the Pilgrims who brought a vital and reformed religion into the New World. By 1830, the hands of the Board extended into many, many parts of the world including Istanbul and surroundings. By 1914, there was a veritable religious, moral, intellectual and educational revolution in Cilician Armenia occupied by Turkey. It was out of that American Missionary effort that a distinguished roster of teachers, educators and ministers developed.

Today we have two of the largest Armenian Evangelical Churches of the world in the United States—The United Armenian Congregational Church in Hollywood with about 700 members and the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church of Fresno with about 400 members. The larger church is being revitalized by talent that is flowing into Los Angeles from the Middle East where Armenian Protestant life grew and matured following the tragic events of 1915. The guiding hands of the Haigazian College Trustees are talents that came from the Middle East. Eighty percent of the ministerial leadership of the U.S. Armenian Evangelical Churches are from the Middle East.

It is true that the U.S. churches and their membership have been providing for the needs of Armenians in the Middle East for 53 years. But it is equally true that the efforts of the AMAA have produced nature-like effects. There has been a *recycling* of human resources, making us the beneficiaries of our own benevolences. "Send your grain across the seas, and in time you will get a return. Give to seven ventures, give even to eight."

We have, praise be to God!

We also have had a return, thanks be to God!

We pray for grace and courage that we may do more and never, never be tempted to be isolationist Christians.

Grellet has immortalized the very benevolent philosophy of the writer of Ecclesiastes which I quote for your edification:

I shall pass through this world but once.

If therefore, there be any kindness I can show,
Or any good I can do, let me do it now;
Let me not defer it or neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.

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A GALA A.M.A.A. WEEKEND

A Most memorable experience in recent A.M.A.A. history took place during the weekend of March 24-25, 1973 at which time several significant and outstanding events occurred.

Commencing with a gala banquet on Saturday evening, March 24 at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York City, where more than 200 persons were assembled, three of the Association's past presidents were honored, namely, Mr. John Keyishian, Mr. Nazar Daghlian and Dr. Vahe S. Roubian. In addition, special tribute to the dedicated services of Miss Ruth Philibosian and Albert Momjian, Esq. were offered.

The speeches of all the honorees as well as those on the dais which included the Rev. Vartan Hartunian, Dr. D. Kassouny, Mr. George Philibosian, Pres., Mr. Archie Cherkezian, Treas. and Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Secretary, were inspirational and challenging to all present. To give you a sample of the type of greatness represented in the persons of Miss Ruth Philibosian and Mr. John Keyishian, we would like to refer you to their speeches appearing in the other pages of this issue.



Marie Kassouny, Piano Performist of the Gala Weekend, who fascinated the audience with her playing.



Plaque in front of A.M.A.A. Headquarters acknowledging the generosity of Mr. Stephen Philibosian and Miss Ruth Philibosian who underwrote the total cost of the construction.

The program was professionally executed by the capable Gould Kardashian as Master of Ceremonies and performances by Concert Pianist, Miss Marie Kassouny and Vocalists, Mr. Ken Cantril and Miss Suzanne Troxwell accompanied by Mrs. Ann Wallis, were thoroughly enjoyed after a very palatable dinner.

In the sequence of these important events, a Dedication Service of the new A.M.A.A. headquarters appropriately took place on Sunday, March 25 at the Armenian Presbyterian Church at 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus at the 11:00 AM Worship Service. In the very place where God is revered, the new facilities were dedicated to the continuing pursuit of offering assistance to those in need and a fresh commitment was made by those in attendance in these words:

"We representing ourselves, the remaining A.M.A.A. members, and the members of the congregations throughout the United States and overseas, grateful for our heritage, sensitive to the sacrifices of our fathers, do consecrate ourselves anew to the concept of missionary outreach and pledge our prayers and support to the programs that shall emanate from the Headquarters of the A.M.A.A. Therefore, to the continued service of humanity, we do now dedicate this building. Amen."

Those who shared in the spiritual program of the A.M.A.A.'s many-faceted activities and outreach were again



Master of Ceremonies, Gould Kardashian (seated) and George Philibosian, A.M.A.A. President, starting the festivities honoring the past Presidents of the A.M.A.A.

reminded that the aims and ideals that originated in the formation of the A.M.A.A. 53 years ago, have been blessed by God through the prayers and generous gifts of those whose hearts have been touched. The fruitful and rewarding ministry of the A.M.A.A. is evidenced by the many services rendered.

After the worship service, a buffet dinner in the Fellowship Hall was enjoyed, followed by a Piano Recital given by Miss Marie Kassouny as a memorial to her beloved parents. The outstanding performance by Miss Kassouny was truly the ideal grand finale to a most notable A.M.A.A. weekend for those who were fortunate enough to be present. One of the highlights of the day was the unveiling of the plaque of the A.M.A.A. wing of the building in appreciation for the generous gift from Miss Ruth Philibosian which enabled the Association to construct its beautiful new offices. The unveiling was in the presence of Miss Philibosian and by the A.M.A.A. President, George Philibosian, Executive Secretary, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, and guests.

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splendid courtyard, soldiers in shining armour, and slaves whose naked flesh was gleaming bronze, and in the scented harem, women danced, and beyond the palace gates proud Israel swept by.

But King David sat alone, apart, in a small upper room. What comfort was wealth, and what use was might to a troubled spirit? The old king looked across the waste of land, the waste of years. Then on the far rim of the desert he glimpsed a ray of the setting sun. That was all, but at that spark, joy flared in David's heart. The gray lifted. Softly he began to chant:

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." He had lifted his eyes to the hills of faith, the hills of belief and hope. He had lifted his eyes to the high places of our earthly life, up to God who made Heaven and earth, who rules the wheeling stars and commands the roaring waves.

When we have come to the lowlands of our human bewilderment, and the heart is bowed with doubt and fear, we can lift our eyes to the everlasting hills, to the shining gates of Paradise, and we shall know at last—at blessed last—our highest happiness. And that happiness is the knowledge of God himself couched in the acute consciousness that we have done our best to make the world a better place and earned His commendation.

THE RESPONSE OF MISS RUTH PHILIBOSIAN, HONOREE, TO THE PRESENTATION OF A SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE A.M.A.A.

There is currently in newspapers around the country a comic strip called "Peanuts". The principal character in it is Linus, an insecure, lovable little boy who is always coming out with bits of philosophy. He reasons that happiness is a warm puppy, happiness is knowing the answers in school and so forth. Of such is happiness to a little boy.

With maturity, what constitutes happiness takes a deeper significance, and of course, varies with each individual. To many it is the accumulation of wealth. Possessions are desirable. But to the rich young ruler, Jesus said, "One thing thou lackest."

To some, happiness is to be a great leader, a leader of an army, or a movement. Consider Moses, the great emancipator who had the privilege and honor of leading his beloved people from slavery of Egypt to freedom, to seek nationhood. But Moses was not to enter the Promised Land because of a sin committed many years earlier, and the glory of the accomplishment for which he had worked so long was to go on to another. The text leads us into the presence of an old man as he sits on a mountain top, conscious that the end is very near. Then the words of pathos, "I have caused thee to see it with thine own eyes, but thou shalt not go thither."

Happiness is not always assured through what both circumstances and our own hard work would indicate to be ours.

Happiness to many nations, through the ages, meant freedom from oppression. The star of Bethlehem shone down upon a grumbling lot, a worried and burdened people. There were the rich and the poor, the learned scribes and illiterate, the merchants and the beggars, all obeying the command of Augustus Caesar, going home to register for the tax collector. But each man in his heart was wondering what could be done to throw off the yoke of Rome and tear down the hated insignia from the walls of the Holy City. But the army of liberation they hoped for was a dream that was lost and the happiness of freedom was not to be theirs.

In our own country, years ago, when women were given the right to vote, the happy sentiment was expressed all over the country that a new and better day was about to be born. For now, it was said, the women would rally to the great causes of right and morality. But they did not do what was hoped and prayed for, and the purists in America wept for a lost cause.

What are we to make of this quality of life, —its frustrations and disappointments and the happiness that eludes us? Since we all do disloyal things and know the pain of disappointment and frustration, life for all of us is a weaving together of a great many might-have-beens, and we look back with regret on our wrong deeds.

While this is true, we must remember that we are living in the days of grace and the gospel is a gospel of a second chance, and a third chance, and fourth and fifth—seventy times seven. It is not a matter of mathematics but a matter of attitude and the knowledge that in spite of ourselves, we are heirs to the kingdom of Heaven. But the Bible verses of our early years are never forgotten, and one day the understanding comes.

It may come when our pride is broken and our dreams are done. It comes to everyone whether one lives in a mud hut or a palace, life at times becomes a desert, flat days, flat nights and even a king may know despair as we read in the 121st Psalm.

Lights blazed through the palace gates. Jewels glittered and fountains splashed their iridescent sprays. Across the

THE RESPONSE OF HONORED GUEST JOHN KEYISHIAN TO THE PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF THE A.M.A.A.

Thank you Dr. Kassouny. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I earnestly hope I deserve this beautiful plaque. I also thank all of you present at this gathering for making this evening one to remember for the rest of my life. To be the President of a fine organization like the Armenian Missionary Association is a big responsibility, and the execution of some of its work did cause me many sleepless hours and kept my wife, Arax, sleepless too. But the work always had its pleasing side too, particularly the knowledge of having people like you all to support the organization with your financial help and prayers. I served for two years and I enjoyed every minute of it. Through this organization I enjoyed the fellowship of men like Steve Philibosian, Samuel Hekemian, Dr. Jacob Hekimian, Martin Hatch, Harry Kuljian, Garabed Keuhnelian and many, many others, and I value this privilege very much. Many times I wondered how I became attached to this organization.

Maybe more than anything else, is the cry of my three-and-a-half-year old brother, Hovagim, who, in the Arabian desert in 1915, pleaded to me during the night, "Please give me a morsel of bread, brother, John, please." and to which we could only respond, "In the morning Hovagim. Soon it will be daylight." Daylight came but Hovagim was no more. That cry has haunted me ever since. Also, the cry and tears of some of those 2,000 orphans in the Aleppo Orphanage where I was for four years during those terrible deportation days has haunted me ever since.

My joining this organization, which has high ideals and superb performance, has given me pride and spiritual satisfaction. It would be worthwhile to list a few of its involvements:

1. It gives hot lunches to poor children like my brother Hovagim.
2. Provides education to over two thousand beautiful black-eyed Armenian teenagers annually.
3. Opens doors to higher education through Haigazian College to those who have ambition and talent, and who are destined to be leaders of our coming generation.
4. Sends words of comfort and financial aid to those white-haired, tired and worn out ministers, teachers and forgotten leaders and educators.
5. Builds new churches so God's voice might reach our people and give spiritual guidance and peace of mind to our suffering fellow-Armenians.
6. Builds new schools for our new generation in the Near East.

How can I not love an organization like this? Small in size, compared with other institutions but high in ideals and goals!

Friends, I love the Armenian Missionary Association. It is a good organization. Its leaders are highly dedicated, self-sacrificing individuals. They are concerned with Armenian problems. They are men of vision. They have faith, love and understanding. Friends, I am sure the age of guns and ammunition is on the way out. In this atomic age, there is no place for strong armies and big guns. What the world needs today is education, understanding, love, cooperation and charity.

That is what this organization stands for. Please get to know this organization closer. Get involved, so that cries like those of Hovagim will not haunt you and me again.

Miss Philibosian's speech is continued on page 2...

BOOKS, BOOKLETS RECEIVED

The Armenian Evangelical Reformation

G.H. Chopourian

Published by Armenian Missionary Association of America; Algin Press, College Point, N.Y., 1972, pp170, \$5.75.
(For details see advertisement)

The First Genocide

H.H. Haig.

Vintage Press, Inc., N.Y., 1967, pp77, \$2.75.

A play in four acts, dramatizes the patriotism, heroism and the martyrdom of the Armenian people.

Lenten Meditations

H. A. G. Hassessian

Published by the Ladies Aid Society, Church of the Martyrs, Worcester, Ma., \$1.00

A series of five meditations attempting to reveal the loving, restoring and sustaining nature of God in Christ.

Vorperoo Hayr, Ananoon Pareraru

In Armenian

Publication of the Karagheusian Foundation, in praise of a great benefactor.

The Adjective of Antioch

M. P. Krikorian

The Message Publishing Co, Phila., 1972, pp191, \$3.75.
An exquisitely bound book with a beautiful jacket enclosed in plastic. It interprets the supreme question, "What is it to be a Christian?" Substantial discount available for purchases of ten books or more.

The Bard of Loree

Mischa Kudian

Mashots Press, London, 1970, pp120, \$4.50.

This is a translated compilation of the selected works of Hovhannes Toumanian from the Armenian. Beautifully done.

Plan of Salvation

In Armenian

John Mark, \$5.00. (This is a \$10.00 book being sold at \$5.00 because an anonymous Christian, convinced on the value of the book, is underwriting the difference up to one-hundred copies)

Budneshee Vura

N. S. Mooratian

Noorpaksh Printing Press, Teheran, 1971, pp164, \$5.00.
The book gives an historical glimpse of the contribution of the Iranian Armenians to the missionary movement.

His Ambassador

C. Helen Mooshian

A Convention Bookstore Publication, 1972, pp330, \$2.95.
This book presents the adventures of a lady missionary traveling around the world by faith.

World Religions

S. A. Nigosian

The Copp Clark Publishing Co., 1972, pp198, \$2.50.
The book describes the teaching, rationale and influence of six of the world's living religions and includes excerpts, glossary of terms, bibliography and a comparative chart.

A Voice From the Other World

Kane T. Sarian

Philadelphia, 1972, pp95, \$3.00.
The author deals with the eschatological aspects of the Christian way and re-emphasizes Heaven and Hell, Christ's Second Coming and the Final Judgement.

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DETROIT CHAPTER'S ANNUAL A.M.A.A. BENEFIT BANQUET

On March 31, 1973, the Detroit Chapter of the A.M.A.A. held its annual benefit dinner. After a delicious shish-kebab dinner, Mrs. Armen Kasabach, Chapter President, introduced the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Mr. Haig Arabian, to the large number of guests. Haig's long involvement in A.M.A.A. work—in the tradition of his late father—made an easy task of conducting the program of the evening which was highlighted by the honor bestowed upon H.G. Yesayan, for his long years of devoted service to the AMAA. A plaque inscribed with a message of appreciation was presented to Dr. Yesayan by Mr. Arabian and the Rev. Dr. Chopourian.

The Rev. Dr. Chopourian, as the principal speaker of the evening, presented a movie filmed during his recent trip to the Middle East flavoring the different scenes of the mission field with appropriate comments. Vocal entertainment was provided by Mrs. Nanette Merametjian.

On this happy occasion a pledge of \$15,000 was made by Dr. and Mrs. H.G. Yesayan for two endowed funds to be known as follows:

The Dr. and Mrs. H.G. Yesayan Fund	\$10,000
The Luther Nouri and Djemile Kharrajian Fund	\$ 5,000

The income of the latter fund, established as a memorial to Mrs. Yesayan's parents, is to be used for the care of the sick and needy in medical clinics.

Once again, as always, through their untiring services the members of the A.M.A.A. Detroit Chapter proved their enthusiasm for mission and their deep understanding of the **CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE**.

On behalf of the Directors, we extend our congratulations to the Detroit Chapter for their concern for missions and for their efforts and labors for the work of the A.M.A.A.

MISSIONS SUNDAY AT U.A.C.A.

April 1st was set aside as "Missions Sunday" at United Armenian Church. The day began with a special "Missions Church Service" at 11:00 AM. Rev. Melvin Moomjian was the pulpit guest. Alan Hadidian sang during the service. At 12:30 PM a delicious shish-kebab was served by Chef Manuel Gertmenian. The program for the afternoon featured brief messages by Dr. Rendel Levonian and Dr. Mihran Agbabian, who reported about their recent trip to the Middle East. Special music was rendered by soloist Michele Shaha accompanied by Helen Haig and by a guitar duet by Alan Hadidian and Jerry Myatt. Proceeds from the dinner were designated for the Eshrefiah Church Renovation project and for the work of Arpine Mahshigian in our Teheran ministry.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR MAILING DEPARTMENT

If there is a change or error in the name or address printed on this issue, please inform our office by sending us that portion of the printed name and address on your newspaper with the correction that should be made clearly shown. If a zip code is missing, please furnish.

Also, if you are receiving more than one issue per family, please cut off the printed name and address from the duplicate issue and return to us. If you know of others who wish to receive our newspaper, please send us their names and addresses.

We appreciate your cooperation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS

MICHAEL OUZOUMANIAN

The estate of Mike Ouzounian of Carpinteria, California and a life trust transfer to the A.M.A.A. will amount to about \$40,000-\$50,000. Mr. Ouzounian passed away on March 1, 1973. The Board of Directors are indeed grateful for Mr. Ouzounian's trust in the Association and for his very noble act which will sustain progress in the Armenian world.

JAMES H. MOURADIAN

The Association has received from the estate of James H. Mouradian \$35,000. The Board of Directors are proud of the support of Dr. Mouradian and other members of the Mouradian family who retain intense interest in the work of the Association.

ALEX MANOOGIAN

The Association is grateful to Mr. Alex Manoogian for his latest contribution of \$25,000 in completion of his total pledge of \$75,000 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the A.M.A.A. His contribution has been designated for use for Haigazian College.

MR. AND MRS. JACK AKULLIAN

With their last payment, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Akullian have contributed \$20,000 to the Association as an endowed fund. The Board of Directors are grateful for their interest in the Association which they have indicated will be sustained by additional contributions.

INSTITUTE FOR ARMENIAN BLIND AND DEAF

The A.M.A.A. is very proud to announce that the campaign held in favor of the Institute, with Mr. Ziegler's visitation to the United States, amounted to \$32,000.

ARMENIAN THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' AID

The A.T.S.A. has recently released information to indicate that the Organization needs support in order to carry on its work of assisting the training of Theological Students in order to enable them to effectuate its purpose of aiding these students. By providing for their education in the Christian ministry, the Organization will need your generous support. Over the last twenty-three years, the Organization has distributed over \$150,000. Eighty percent of our ministerial leadership in the United States are from schools that have received the aid of the A.T.S.A. At the present time, there are many deserving applicants for scholarships but the funds are limited. The cost of scholarships range from \$500 to \$900 per year.

Your generous contribution is sought earnestly

THE REV. DR. VAHAN TOOTIKIAN

Congratulations of the Board are extended for having qualified for the Degree of Doctor of Ministry from the Andover Newton Theological Seminary of Newton, Mass.

AGBABIAN ASSOCIATES

Congratulations of the Board are extended to Dr. Mihran S. Agbabian for the construction of a new office building for his engineering firm located in Los Angeles.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Association has learned of the death of the persons listed below in one or more of the following ways:

1. The Association was made beneficiary of a will or an estate;
2. The Association was designated for the reception of gifts in lieu of flowers in memory of the deceased;
3. The friends or immediate relatives of the deceased informed the A.M.A.A. office of their demise.

There may be others who have departed from us but of whom we are not aware of or somehow overlooked. The Board of Directors request your understanding but also kindly request that the A.M.A.A. office be kept informed. The Board would like to take this opportunity to extend their belated but heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. I. Aghazarian	Los Angeles, Ca.	5/18/72
Rev. Siragan Aghabian	California	11/5/71
Mrs. Aznive (Agnes) Armaghanian	New York	Oct. 1971
Mr. Sam Bakalian	California	10/10/71
Mr. Sarkis Bogosian	California	4/13/72
Mr. Minas H. Bazarian	Connecticut	June 1971
Mrs. Seranoush Buj Julian		1972
Mrs. Victoria K. Chakmakjian	New York	1971
Mr. Peter Chooljian	Massachusetts	4/2/72
Dr. Krikor M. Davidian	New Jersey	11/10/71
Mrs. Nevart Dikjian	New York	6/14/72
Mr. S.M. Dohanian	New Hampshire	2/17/72
Mr. Harry M. Fereshtian	Massachusetts	3/5/72
Mrs. J.H. (Zevart) Hekimian	New Jersey	12/16/71
Mr. Hovhannes K. Jedianian	New York	10/24/71
Mr. Nazareth K. Jedianian	Connecticut	1972
Mr. Mihran Kalfayan		1971
Mr. Jacob Kamborian	Massachusetts	Oct. 1971
Mr. George Karakoosh	New Jersey	3/17/72
Mrs. Maritza Kazanjian	Connecticut	1971
Mr. Garabed Keshishian	New York	11/29/71
Mrs. Flora Knadjian	New Jersey	1972
Mrs. Yevnige Kumruian	California	1971
Mrs. Berjouhie Kurkjian	Wash., D.C.	1972
Mr. Jack Ohannessian	California	1971
Mrs. Mary Masegian	Michigan	1972
Mr. Aram Mendikian	New York	Sept. 1971
Miss Charlotte Merdianian	California	5/17/72
Mr. Raymond Nahigian	Massachusetts	3/15/72
Mr. Martin Nakkashian	Virginia	1971
Mrs. Steven Paul	New York	1972
Miss Sarra Saprichian	New Jersey	2/27/72
Mrs. Ann Shachian	New York	Dec. 1971
Mr. Shumavon Shumavonian	New Jersey	1972
Mr. Paul Sivadjan	Canada	1971
Mrs. Mary Tutunjian	Troy, N.Y.	July 1972
Mr. Harry Pehlevanian	Springfield, Ma.	June 1972
Mr. Jacques Salibian		1972
Dr. Daniel Wosgian	Manhasset, N.Y.	8/20/72
Miss Amy Alekian	Fresno, Calif.	1/16/73
Mr. Nishan Esajian		
Mr. John Fereshtian	Massachusetts	Jan. 1973
Mr. Howard Atesian	Birmingham, Mich.	3/1/73
Mr. Mike Ouzounian	Carpinteria, Ca.	4/18/73
Mrs. Clara Khatoun Aintablian	Albany, N.Y.	June 1, 1972
Mr. H.H. Touloudian	Massachusetts	9/1/1972
Rev. A.K. Yeranian	California	8/28/1972
Mr. Leon Paskarian	Massachusetts	8/9/72
Mr. K. Mandroian	California	1972
Mr. Mangog Gostanian	Prov., R.I.	9/72
Mrs. Nevart Movsesian	Winchester, Ma.	Oct. 1972
Mr. Jacob Bezjian	Troy, N.Y.	Sept. 1972
Mrs. Carrie Franz		
Mrs. Sarah H. Hintlian	N.Y.	Oct. 1972
Mr. Aram Bedikian	New York	Oct. 1972
Mr. George Armaghanian	Boston, Ma.	10/19/72
Mr. Jack Boujicanian	Westboro, Ma.	9/28/72
Mr. Armen K. Kalenian	(Conn.-?)	Nov. 1972
Mr. David Kalamian	(Worchester, Ma.-?)	1/11/72
Mr. Harry Sogian	Orlando, Fla.	Nov. 72
Mrs. Aghavnie Moffses		

THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL REFORMATION CAUSES AND EFFECTS

G.H.Chopourian

WHAT READERS SAY ABOUT THE BOOK

"It is a valuable volume and study and I wish to congratulate you in putting all the effort in accomplishing this great task."

E.S. Tovmassian

"Heartiest congratulations beloved and blessings on you for this magnificent, timely and heart-searching contribution to the history and religious literature of the Churches concerned. I opened it with keen expectation and closed it with profound profit. This volume reflects tremendous research work. This book exposes a great commodity of sound doctrine as well as the nakedness of human tradition and ignorance without putting to shame. If you have done nothing else than to author such a comprehensive ecclesiastical apology at this strategic hour of ecumenical dialogue between the "Separated Brethren" of the Apostolic and Evangelical bodies of Armenian Christianity, you have earned the great citation and blessing of posterity. Though this admirable account is punctuated with events of heart-break and tragedy, it has promise of possible hope of reconciliation. Therefore, this book should be found and read in every Armenian home, Apostolic and Evangelical alike."

M.P. Krikorian

This book may be ordered from the A.M.A.A. office, 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, N.J. 07652, at \$5.75 per copy or \$3.75 per copy for purchases of ten books or more.

"In behalf of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America we express our joy and thanksgiving on this dedication Sunday. We pledge you our love prayers and solidarity. May this Mission Center continue to radiate God's love and compassion to all his needy children."

Harry Missirlian, Moderator

The A.M.A.A. office has some important needs for equipment. Any and all help provided for the purchase of these needs is most welcome. May we hear from friends of the A.M.A.A.

Item Needed	Cost	Responded by
Auto-Typist Machine	\$ 800	Benevolent Committee of First Church of Belmont and Mr. and Mrs. L. Sarkissian
Work Table	25	Mrs. Anna Markarian
IBM Typewriter (1st)	520	Dr. Veronica Bakamjian (\$600)
IBM Typewriter (2nd)	520	
IBM Typewriter (3rd)	520	
IBM Typewriter (4th)	520	
Copying Machine	1,000	
Folding Machine	500	
Envelope Inserting Machine	1,800	
Scriptomatic Addressing Machine	3,000	
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